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FOR ASST. SECRETARY HARTMAN FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: UNGA: SECRETARY MEETING WITH SWEDISH FORNMIN

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1. WHILE I FULLY APPRECIATE FACT THAT SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE IS EXTREMELY FULL, PARTICULARLY WITH THE APPROACH OF THE 29TH UNGA, I NEVERTHELESS THINK IT IMPORTANT FOR US INTERESTS THAT THE SECRETARY HOLD A BILATERAL WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSSON. SWEDEN BECOMES A MEMBER OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL NEXT JANUARY. WE WILL WISH TO COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH THE SWEDISH REPRESENTATIVE ON THE SC ON THE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS WHICH WILL UNDOUBTEDLY ARISE IN THAT FORUM. AS I POINTED OUT EARLIER (REF B), WE HAVE ENTERED A NEW PHASE IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH SWEDEN FOLLOWING YEARS OF TENSION IN OUR TIES. BECAUSE OF THE STRAIN IN OUR RELATIONS AT THAT TIME, THE SECRETARY DID NOT MEET WITH THE FORMER SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER AT LAST YEAR'S UNGA. HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE A MEANINGFUL SYMBOL OF THE FAVORABLE CHANGE IN OUR RELATIONS SINCE LAST MARCH IF THE SECRETARY WOULD NOW MEET WITH ANDERSSON DURING THE LATTER'S VISIT TO THE UN.

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2. I WOULD ALSO RECOMMEND STRONGLY THAT THE SECRETARY RECEIVE
AMBASSADOR WACHTMEISTER BRIEFLY IN WASHINGTON PRIOR TO THE
ANDERSSON MEETING, AT ANY TIME CONVENIENT TO THE SECRETARY.
I BELIEVE THAT A SHORT MEETING WITH WACHTMEISTER WOULD
EFFECTIVELY SET THE STATE FOR THE BILATERAL WITH ANDERSSON,
AND WOULD ALSO CLARIFY FOR THE SWEDES THE ISSUES THE SECRETARY
WOULD WISH TO DISCUSS IN THE NEW YORK MEETING. STRAUZ-HUPE

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